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SUBJ: LABOUR MINISTER DENIES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING ABOLISHING
JOB RESERVATION OR RECOGNIZING BLACK UNIONS

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS LABOUR MINISTER VILJOEN ADDRESSING
MEETING IN BLOEMFONTEIN OCTOBER 13 HELD TO COMMEMORATE
NATIONALISTS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN POWER STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY
THAT GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF ABOLISHING JOB RESERVATION
OR ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO BLACK TRADE UNIONS. SPEAKING IN
WAKE OF PRIME MINISTER'S CAPE TOWN SPEECH OF OCTOBER 4
(CAPE TOWN'S 643) AND HIS MEETING WITH BRITISH TUC DELEGATION
OCTOBER 9 (JOHANNESBURG'S 926) WHICH SOME OBSERVERS HAVE
INTERPRETED AS INDICATING VORSTER IN PROCESS OF SOFTENING HIS
VIEWS ON THESE BASIC ISSUES, VILJOEN PRAISED JOB RESERVATION
FOR FULFILLING ESSENTIAL FUNCTION IN PREVENTING RACE FRICTION
AND PRESERVING INDUSTRIAL PEACE AND WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT
GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY PROVIDED MACHINERY NECESSARY FOR CONSUL-
TATION AND NEGOTIATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND THEIR BLACK WORKERS
VIA RECENTLY-ENACTED BANTU LABOUR RELATIONS REGULATION ACT.
COMMENTING EDITORIALLY OCTOBER 15 ON VILJOEN'S REMARKS
RAND DAILY MAIL CALLED UPON PRIME MINISTER TO CLARIFY SUBSTANTIAL
APPARENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WHAT HE HAS BEEN SAYING (OR REPORTED
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AS SAYING) AND WHAT LABOUR MINISTER HAS BEEN SAYING.

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